## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Donald Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

It is our understanding that the State of Texas, through the Office of the Governor, has made a formal request for an expedited major disaster declaration, consistent with Title V of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, prior to the imminent landfall of Hurricane Harvey.

Given the potential catastrophic impact that the Hurricane may have on Texas communities, we strongly support this request and urge you to provide any and all emergency protective measures available by a major disaster declaration. We have been encouraged thus far by the work and strong coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to deploy assistance to state and local officials on the ground in Texas.

We stand ready and willing to assist in any way possible to ensure prompt evaluation of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices with any questions.

Sincerely,

United States Senator

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**United States Senator**